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THIS WEEKEND

Comics, Oz and a sure bet
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Mykolaitis convicted of second degree murder

■ Sentencing set for June 1

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

A 37-year-old Farmington Hills man was convicted of second degree murder Tuesday for killing his friend and business partner, Cameron Sanders, of Novi.

Kevin Mykolaitis, now a fourth-degree habitual offender, was also convicted of felony firearm, a two-year felony, and

convicted felon in possession of a firearm, a five-year felony.

Mykolaitis will be back in front of Oakland Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren on June 1.

The second-degree murder charge carries a possible penalty of up to life in prison.

Jury deliberations began early last Thursday afternoon following a 13-day trial.

Body found by passerby

Sander's body was found by a passerby on April 14, 2003, near a DTE substation by Twelve Oaks

Mill.

Novi detectives arrested Mykolaitis for the murder of Sanders on April 26, 2005, following a two-year investigation.

Lt. Victor Lauria, Novi Police Department, was among investigators who arrived on the scene to examine Sander's body.

Medical examiners said Sanders had sustained multiple gunshot and stab wounds.

"I wholeheartedly agree with the jury's decision," Lauria said following the verdict.

"This was a very complex, detail-oriented case, and the jury

obviously took their time going through all of the evidence and finally rendering their verdict on the fourth day."

Lauria said he was very proud of the work that all the men and women on the Novi Police Department did on the case as well as the hard work of Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Paul Walton and Justin Davis.

"Without their hard work and dedication, I'm not sure that the result would have been the same," Lauria said.

He noted that although there was no direct physical evidence in



Kevin Mykolaitis

the case, there rarely is.

"If we had Kevin Mykolaitis' bloody fingerprints, the issue wouldn't be in doubt," Lauria said.

"That's what we found was a body in the woods of an individual who

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TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Novi High School chemistry teacher Sam Hanson, right, receives congratulations from school superintendent Peter Dion, after Hanson had been named the district's Teacher of the Year last Friday morning.

■ Long-time Novi High School chemistry teacher receives free one-year vehicle lease

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER

Unique. Motivated. Dedicated. These are just a few of the words colleagues and students use to describe long-

time Novi High School chemistry teacher Jim Hanson, who was named the school district's Teacher of the Year.

Hanson got the good news Friday morning in a surprise visit to his AP chemistry class from superintendent Peter Dion, principal Jolia Lawrence, family members and colleagues.

"As Teacher of the Year, he receives a free one-year lease of a vehicle, with maintenance and insurance paid for, from The Suburban Collection," Hanson chose a red Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo.

"I wasn't expecting it at all," Hanson said of receiving the award. "It's an honor that I'll cherish forever. It's nice to be recognized

by my peers. It's touched me very deeply."

Hanson, 59, has been an educator for 38 years and has taught chemistry and AP chemistry for 23 years at Novi High School. He has been coaching tennis for 36 and is the tennis coach for the boys' and girls' tennis teams at the high school. In recent years, he has also been named coach of the year for both the boys' and girls' teams by the Michigan High School Tennis Coach's Association.

The nomination

The high school's science department

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Don't be afraid of that knock on the door

■ Workers to begin census counting at 2 p.m. Monday

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

You haven't ordered a pizza, and someone's knocking on your door.

Not to worry.

Maybe it's one of about 50 people hired to go door-to-door in Novi's upcoming mid-decade census that begins Monday.

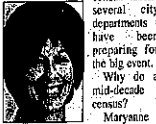
Since city council adopted a resolution on April 3 to appoint the enumerators, also known as census takers, several city departments have been preparing for the big event.

"Why do a mid-decade census?"

Maryanne Cornelius, city clerk, who is serving as the census' chief enumerator, said that Novi's last mid-decade census provided an additional \$3.5 million in state shared revenues for the city.

The city will also be able to gain at least two additional Class C quota liquor licenses. The city can acquire a new liquor license

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M. Cornelius

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John O'Brien enjoys people, community activism

■ Mortician active volunteer and traveller

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER

For John P. O'Brien, it's about the people.

O'Brien believes in the importance of enjoying what you do for a living. For him, the opportunity to interact with people is the best part of working for the business his father joined in 1930, O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home on Grand River Ave.

"We provide a service nobody wants but everybody needs at some point," he said. "I like what I do. I deal with people all the time. It's people in crisis, but still people.

"I could never see myself being in a cubicle. That's what I like about it and the process of helping people through their grief."

O'Brien started working for the funeral home at age 14, but ended up spending five years as a social worker after graduating from Western Michigan University. He worked in a home for abused and neglected children and enjoyed the job, but said after five years he was ready for a change and decided he wanted to return to the funeral home.

"There's that whole sense of 'I want to try my own thing,'" O'Brien said. "I loved being a social worker. In many respects, I still am a social worker, dealing with families in crisis."

O'Brien went to mortuary school at Wayne State University before starting at the funeral

home. The middle son from a family of five children, O'Brien is the only one who currently works for the family business.

Coping with death and dying

O'Brien said his job is informing families of the options they have when a loved one dies and helping them through the grieving process. Families typically start in a "state" of shock or denial, he said, before accepting the death and learning to live with it.

"They're surviving," this process," he said. "They come to a new kind of normal. I think that's part of the acceptance."

For O'Brien, dealing with death

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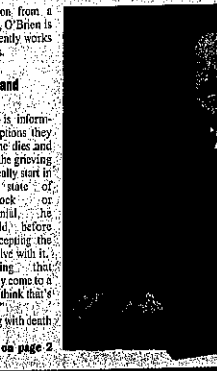


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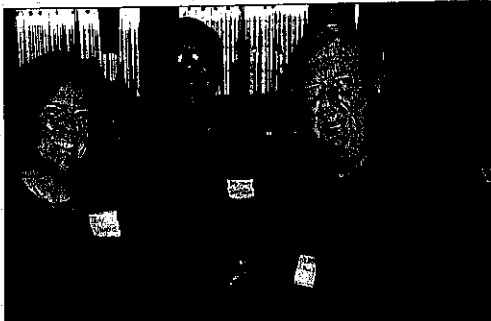


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New chamber after-hours:

The newly-formed Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce held its kickoff event, an after-hours mixer, at The Dirty Martini in Novi last Thursday. Approximately 120 people attended the networking opportunity, sponsored by the GNCC, Bright House Networks and Andiamo Novi, and attendees received free admission to the Second City show that night.



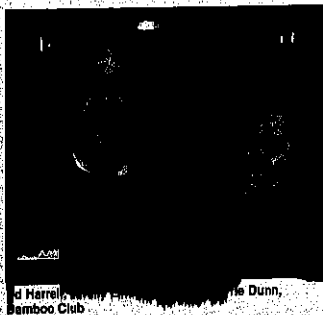
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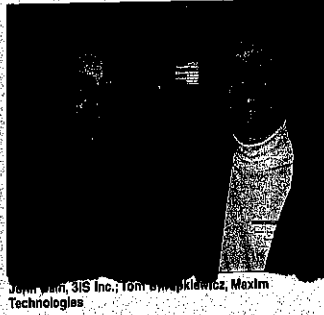
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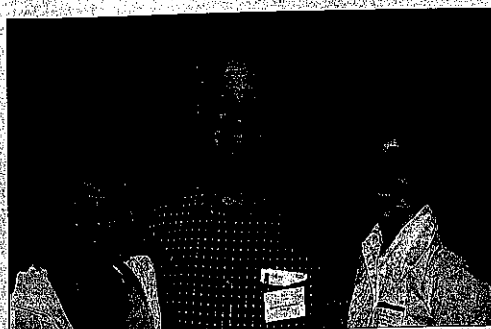
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8-year-old competes for baseball diamond funding

■ Third-grader wins \$5,000 in essay contest, in running for \$20,000 prize

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Powercats' home baseball field at Maybury State Park may be a "diamond in the rough," but thanks to 8-year-old David Schulte, that rough will soon be getting a little smoother.

David, a third-grader at Parkway Elementary, was recently selected as one of 16 regional winners from across the country in the "Diamond in the Rough" essay contest, sponsored by Briggs & Stratton.

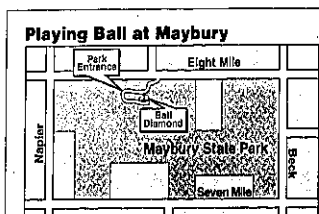
He will receive \$5,000 to fix up his team's baseball diamond and is in the running for the grand prize of \$20,000.

The grand prize winner will be selected through online voting, which will remain open through May 21 at www.briggsdiamondbuilding.com.

"It was a tremendous thing when we heard about it," said coach Jay Wells. "It's fantastic news. It kind of fell into our lap and we're pretty happy about it."

The contest

The contest asked participants to write an essay about their field, explaining how it was a "diamond in



Online Contest Voting

David Schulte, an 8-year-old third grader at Parkway Elementary, is one of 16 finalists from around the country in Briggs & Stratton's third annual "Diamond in the Rough" essay contest. David has already won \$5,000 to improve the baseball diamond of his team, the Novi Powercats, and he is in the running for a \$20,000 grand prize. The grand prize winner's team will also receive a baseball clinic by Hall of Famers Lou Brock and Carlton Fisk.

The grand prize winner will be determined by online voting. Voting is open through May 21 at www.briggsdiamondbuilding.com.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi Powercats travel baseball team member David Schulte.



TV segment by FSN Detroit which

will air before a Tigers game.

"It's really a cool thing for him," Jacqui Schulte said. "David's field meets the criteria perfectly."

Building the field

The field was constructed by Wells and several other volunteers starting last August. Wells said the team could not find open diamonds in the Novi and Northville areas, so they decided instead to refurbish an old baseball diamond in Maybury State Park. After "thousands" of hours of work by himself and other volunteers, Wells said the field is playable, but still needs improvements.

So far, the team has constructed a dugout, put up fences and brought in special dirt used to create athletic playing surfaces.

Wells said the team has not decided what to use the \$5,000 for yet, but possible uses include mowing water to the outfield and constructing a permanent outfield fence. Further works needs to be done on the field surface as well, Wells said, because it is too bumpy in some areas and too sandy in others.

The team

The team was originally founded because there were not enough teams in the Novi city league for children in Dana's age range, Wells said. There are two Powercats

teams, one for children 9 years old and younger and another for children age 10 and younger. Once the league was formed and a new team was founded — the Novi Travel Baseball Club — the coaches started looking for playing space, but found it was impossible to find any in Novi and Northville.

The fact that his coaches built the field as a labor of love makes it especially "cool" that his essay was selected, David said. He is a pitcher and an outfielder for the team and said he became interested in baseball because his dad used to play.

Making a difference

Briggs & Stratton spokesman Tom Ryan said this is the third year the contest has been held and the purpose is to "give kids a chance to make a positive difference in the community." Hundreds of essays are received each year, he said, but David's stood out.

"David wrote a really good essay and it looks like we have a great 'diamond in the rough' there," Ryan said. "The kids really do a nice job. David's jumped out at us as being passionate about baseball!"

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the rough" and how they would use the prize money to improve it. They were also asked to describe the very baseball has helped them use the "power within," on and off the field.

David entered the contest after his mother, Jacqui Schulte, read about it and suggested he write an essay.

If David wins the grand prize, he will be presented with the check in mid-June at the field and his team will receive a baseball clinic by Hall of Famers Lou Brock and Carlton Fisk, as well as being featured in a

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ENGAGEMENTS



Perry-Christensen

Curt and Gloria Perry of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Elaine Perry to Dr. Robert Edwin Christensen, son of Robert and Barbara Christensen of Greenville, Mich.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Novi High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is currently a middle school band director at Wagon Middle School, Airport Public Schools.

The groom-elect is a 1996 graduate of Greenville High School, a 2000 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School. He is currently a resident in anesthesiology at the University of Michigan Health Systems.

A summer 2006 wedding is planned.



Kallio-Wolbers

Frank and Pamela Kallio of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Marie Kallio to Jason Ryan Wolbers, son of Eugene and Mary Ellen Wolbers of Northville.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Northville High School and a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in secondary education. She is currently employed at Champ's Restaurant and a substitute teacher in the Novi School District.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Northville High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in computer engineering. He is currently employed at Vector Vantech.

An October 2006 wedding is planned.

Rocket Men

Courtesy photo
Recently a number of troop members from Boy Scout Troop 407 had the opportunity to participate in a Space Exploration training at the Detroit Science Center. The program's focus was on the past, present and future of space exploration. Participating members include (l to r) Eric Pasquale, Michael Pasquale, Brad Grabo, Aidan Riccio, Ross Buckley, upper level Koven Pasquale and Garrett Murphy.



NAMES IN THE NEWS

Sinai-Grace Hospital recently appointed John Hendra Ilijas, D.O., RVT, the medical director of the peripheral vascular lab.



JH Ilijas

Navl resident Dr. Ilijas has extensive experience in peripheral vascular surgery and performs the newly FDA approved carotid stenting and aortic stenting pro-

cedures. In Ilijas' new role, he will lead accreditation and wound care clinic to ensure quality care of all Sinai-Grace patients with vascular disease.

Ilijas is board certified in peripheral vascular surgery from the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery. He is a lecturer at Sinai-Grace Hospital as well as a board examiner of the general vascular surgery section of the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery and committee member of the level 2 National Board of

Osteopathic Examiners Examination Committee.

Ilijas attended medical school at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia, Penn. He did his general surgery residency at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine in Brooklyn, New York and completed a peripheral vascular surgery fellowship at Deborah Heart and Lung Center in Drewes Mills, New Jersey.

Citizens Bank announced that Personal Banker Mary Vaughan

has been named to the Chairman's Club of the bank's Grand Rewards program. Vaughan is located at the Citizens Bank Huggerty Center office at 40020 Twelve Mile Road in Novi.

The annual award, which includes a vacation trip for the winners, is based on operational excellence, generation of new accounts and retention of existing accounts. The Grand Rewards program was created to recognize and reward staff members for their contributions to the continued success of the company.

IN THE SERVICE

Amy Pvt. Zachary A. Bishop has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in marksmanship, military weapons, chemical warfare and beyond (training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military

courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Bishop is the son of Shannon Bishop of Benston Road, Commerce Township and grandson of Frederick Bishop of Breeding Lane, Alpena.

He is a 2002 graduate of Community High School, Warren, Mich.

M.O.M.S. Annual Baby, Kid & Mc Resale

M.O.M.S. (Mothers Offering Most Support) will hold its annual Baby, Kid and Mc resale on Friday, May 19th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, May 20th from 9 a.m. until noon at the First United Methodist Church, 777 E. Eight Mile Road (at Tuff), Northville. Wonderful selection of gently used items for sale, baby clothing and toys, baby, kids and maternity clothing, baby and kid shoes and shoes like furniture, toys, toys/books and more and play structures. \$1 admission. This resale is a fundraiser to help support mother and children.

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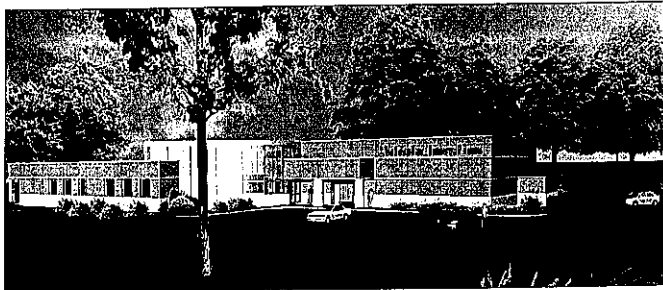
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Rendering for the Molecular Innovations building located off of West Road in Novi. Ground breaking for the building is slated to begin this fall.

Gene cloning company coming to Novi

■ Scientist anticipates groundbreaking of new lab

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Duane Day anticipates moving from Southfield to Novi this fall. After 15 years of being crisscrossed into about 2,500 square feet, Day is ready for his company, Molecular Innovations, to expand into a new 13,000-square-foot state-of-the-art research facility, designed by Bloomfield Hills-based Synergy Group, once construction is complete.

Located off of West Road in the Beck North Development, Day said more space will allow him to expand, add more employees and move forward in new directions. Started by Day in 1990,

Molecular Innovations is a biotech company specializing in gene cloning.

"We take genes from humans, mice and rats and put them in bacterial or insect cells and the cells then become miniature factories that produce proteins," said Day, resident of Novi. "Then we market them to researchers for drug discovery programs."

Day said the company mainly focuses on research.

"But in the future we want to move into Good Manufacturing Procedures (GMP)," he said, "which will allow us to develop clinical diagnostic kits that can be used in hospitals to measure levels of protein."

A new 'Day'

Day said he started his company after his wife, Claudia, taught him how to first clone DNA.

The two met while he was doing research in the area of blood coagulation and Claudia

Molecular Innovations

Owner: Duane Day
Web site: www.mol-innov.com

Awards: Named as one of 15 Oakland County companies to be named the "50 Companies in Michigan to Watch," sponsored by the Edward Love Foundation.

Currently located: 21315 Hilltop Street, Southfield

Future move: The company will be relocating to the Beck North development off of West Road, in Novi, once construction on a 13,000-square-foot development is complete.

was completing her Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology at Wayne State University. The couple lives in Novi with

their children, Erin, 8, and Kerry, 5. Day said his decision to move Molecular Innovations was its proximity to home and major universities.

"We have collaborations with the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Oakland University," he said. "Novi is a good area and great place for us to grow."

Day said with the size of his new facility, Molecular Innovations will be able to expand from 10 employees to almost 50.

"Our plans for research are to capitalize on the Human Genome project, an initiative to figure out the DNA sequence of human beings," he said.

Construction is slated to begin in the fall and Day said completion on the building has been forecasted for February or March 2007.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Agreement signed

State Sen. Nancy Cossis applauded at the announcement of the Novi company who owns ITC Transmission, the entity that transmits the power into and throughout southeast Michigan, has signed an agreement to acquire Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (METC). ITC Holdings Corp. acquisition of METC will increase economic development and improve the power supply throughout Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

Cossis has been an active supporter and cheerleader of the company. She expressed her confidence in the expected economic expansion it will bring.

The company, formed in 1999, does not have and is not seeking any tax incentives to expand its business or to create jobs. In 2004 it became the nation's first fully independent transmission company. METC owns and manages the high-voltage electricity transmission system in the western portion of the Lower Peninsula. Upon completion of the acquisition, ITC Holdings subsidiaries will own and operate the transmission system for almost the entire Lower Peninsula and together will own and operate the largest independent transmission system in the United States.

Big construction ahead

Eastern Michigan University has hired DeMaria Building Company, Novi and Detroit, as general contractor for the renovation of Dowling Hall, a student dormitory at the University's Ypsilanti campus. The contract value is \$4,000,000. In 2004, DeMaria performed a similar renovation of the Buell Hall student dormitory at the University and received a Pyramid Award for "Best Project Team" by the Western Michigan Contractors Association (WCA).

DeMaria was also hired by the City of Detroit Recreation Department to renovate the Belle Isle Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory. The renovation will feature the installation of a new energy efficient hot water heating system, masonry restoration and restoration of the existing glass dome. The contract value is \$550,000.

Columbus Corporate slated to open soon

Northern Equities Group will unveil the largest office building in its portfolio, the \$25-million, 130,000-square-foot Columbus Corporate Office Centre, this month.

The four-year land development and management company is working with brokers to find a single tenant to occupy the three-story, Class A office building, said Matthew S. Sosin, vice president and son of Northern Equities founder Neil Sosin.

According to Northern Equities officials, the company would accept multiple tenants if a single user can't be found for the speculative building. The prospects for the Columbus office look good, according to John DeGroot, research services manager for Grubb and Ellis, Southfield. Novi's office vacancy rate ranks among the lowest in southeast Michigan at 12.2 percent and the city represents one of the best markets in the area, DeGroot said.

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Saving money

The Automotive Industry Action Group's (AIAC) second annual Early Warning Standards - Warranty Conference on June 6 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi will present solutions for reducing warranty claims to save automotive OEMs and suppliers millions of dollars annually. OEMs and suppliers reported almost \$13 billion in warranty claims in 2005, an 8 percent increase from 2004, according to AMR Research.

Panel discussions and presentations will focus on improving working relationships, communications and processes to lower spinning warranty costs, including the progress made on AIAC's Early Warning Standards (EWS) project in which OEMs, suppliers and dealers have been working together on a standard to reduce the detection-to-correction time for faulty parts.

Borders unveils newest VISA

Brokers, Inc., a subsidiary of Brokers Group, Inc., and Chase unveiled the Borders 3-2-1 Visa card, an enhanced version of the popular Borders Visa card that will award card members three points for every dollar spent at Borders or Waldenbooks stores; two points for eligible gas, dining and grocery card purchases; and one point for all other card purchases. Like the existing Borders Visa Card, the new Borders 3-2-1 Visa Card has no annual fee.

The new Borders 3-2-1 Visa Card also provides card members with flexibility in choosing how to redeem their points. Redemption opportunities start at just 2,500 points, which card members may redeem for a \$25 Borders gift card. Additional points can be redeemed for other redemption options such as a \$25 check or gift cards from a variety of other merchants, including airlines.

Card members who are also members of the Borders Rewards free loyalty program receive two ways to save. Currently, Borders Rewards members automatically have five percent of all qualifying purchases placed into their personal Holiday Savings Rewards accounts. When they spend more than \$50 at Borders or Waldenbooks in any given month, they earn a Personal Shopping Day to use that month for additional savings.

New International director for Automation Alley

Automation Alley, which drives the growth and image of Southeast Michigan's technology economy, has hired Noel Nevsehir as director. Nevsehir will assist Automation Alley in further strengthening Southeast Michigan's economic base through providing business attraction services and exporting assistance to businesses throughout the region. As part of his responsibilities, Nevsehir will oversee a number of upcoming trade missions, including a trip to China Nov. 4-15. Additional trade missions scheduled for 2007-08 include Central Europe, India, Australia, and Brazil, Chile and Argentina.

Winner selected

Garald Krupp, Director of Advertising for the Suburban Ford Dealers Association, announced the Detroit Red Wings "Shots on Goal" contest winner, selected from nearly 1,000 entries from persons who mailed in an entry blank or visited one of the Suburban Ford Dealers.

Jamae Hosker from New Hudson received her grand prize of a 2-year lease of a 2006 Ford Fusion from Hines Park Ford in Lyon Twp. Jamae was visiting the dealership shopping for a used car and registered for the contest.

Increase in sales

Rockwell Medical Technologies, Inc., Wisconsin-based hemodialysis products manufacturer in the healthcare sector, reported its first quarter results which included a 10-percent sales increase over the first quarter last year. Earnings per share was a loss of \$0.3. Increased research and development spending for FDA approval of Rockwell's proprietary iron-delivery drug, Soluble Ferric Pyrophosphate (SFP), reduced earnings per share \$0.4 in the first quarter.

Rockwell is actively working towards FDA market approval for its SFP, its iron-delivery product, which is designed to be a physiological iron replacement therapy for hemodialysis patients with end stage renal disease. The company anticipates that Phase 3 clinical studies will commence in late 2006. SFP was successfully tested in a Phase 2 clinical trial and was shown to be effective at maintaining iron stores at targeted levels. Safety and pharmacology testing is planned to continue throughout 2006 has had favorable results so far.

Compiled by Tracy Mishler

Canine class in session

Dog daycare is an Ivy League experience

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Helen Harris hates leaving Lilly while she runs errands and works part-time.

And even though Lilly sleeps most of the time, Harris said she feels like she's neglecting her best friend.

"No one likes to be by themselves for eight hours a day," said the 45-year-old Novi resident. "I don't care if Lilly is a dog, she has feelings too."

Harris said she had been tossing around the idea of putting Lilly, a three-year-old Springer spaniel in daycare, "but this can get quite expensive," she added.

Now that Canine Campus Farmington Hills/Novi has opened off of Ten Mile Road and Research Drive, Harris said she might take Lilly for a tour.

Dick Wadkins, owner of Canine Campus, said the facility offers daycare, grooming and boarding for small, medium and large dogs, known as students.

Wadkins, a long-time dog owner, said she loved the idea for Canine Campus, started by Tom and Joelle Hiller in Colorado Springs, Col. in 1995, and decided there needed to be a facility in Michigan.

"All of the franchisees are like family," Wadkins said. "Tom and Joelle are always in constant contact."

Time to socialize

Jamie Boertman, dean of students for Canine Campus, said the facility is Michigan's first franchised business offering dog daycare, just like daycare for children.

"Aside from Northville Dog Park, we thought dogs needed a place to socialize and have a good time," Boertman said. "Canine Campus will be safer for dogs because they're monitored and staffed."
"They know behavioral things to look for such as the way dogs carry their ears and body language—a lot of people on the streets don't know how to read dogs," she added.

Boertman said Canine Campus services pets from Farmington Hills, Novi,



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Canine Campus "Dean of Students" and owner Jamie Boertman spends some time with some of her doggy daycare guests.

Peek-A-Pooch

Boertman said the facility offers outdoor play fields according to the size of the dog. "The small dog field is called Freshman Hall. We offer medium dogs Study Hall, medium dogs the Junior Varsity field and large dogs the Varsity field," she said. "We offer bedding for all our pets and school lunches."

Families bringing their pets for a vacation can view them on Canine Campus' Peek-A-Pooch Web cam.

"We also have a security system that has 24-hour direct con-

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nect to police and fire, motion detectors, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors," Boertman said. "We're here because we love animals and we want to see them happy."

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Haiti Outreach Mission - What's it all about?

The Haiti Outreach Mission is leaving on May 19 for their annual trip to Mirebalais, Haiti. For those unaware of the mission, it is an annual trip to help individuals living in the poorest Third World country in the Western hemisphere.

Roger, an excellent entrepreneur in his own right, was able to work with the World Health Organization to obtain many medicines as well.

much prayer and discernment he began his studies for the Diaconate. This year, along with medical equipment and medicines, the group is taking computers, most of which were donated by Joe and Pam Capozzi.

United Nations report on Haiti

HIV/AIDS infection rate is 4 to 5 percent, the highest in the hemisphere. The maternal mortality rate is the highest in the Western Hemisphere. In 2005, Haiti placed 153rd out of 177 countries surveyed by the U.N. Development Program in maternal mortality.

What they've accomplished Since 2004, the group has built a medical clinic, an orphanage, and fixed up numerous schools, rectories and churches. In addition, a school sponsorship program was developed.

In 2003, the group was honored with the attendance of Pastor Karla Henry. She was able to share precisely duties while in Haiti and was the first American female priest to serve at an altar in Haiti.

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Methodists to present pianist George Jonte



Novi United Methodist Church presents pianist George Jonte in concert, assisted by Paul Crane, at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 4 as part of the church's performing arts series.

George Jonte began playing piano at the age of 4. He began his formal studies at the age of 6 in his hometown of Orange, Texas. His initial studies were with Alma Belle Dodd, also a native of Orange and who had distinguished herself as a concert artist of some renown after graduating from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

He continued his studies at the University of Texas under the late Dallas Franz and Dame Helen Haupt. Upon graduation from college, he moved his studies to New York and the Juillard School of Music where he studied under Rosina Lhevine.

In later years, he answered the call to full time ministry and now serves Novi United Methodist Church as its Minister of Music. He dedicates this concert to the memory of Alma Belle, Dallas,

Helen, and Rosina for it is through their mentoring and guidance that he continues to pursue music as a life passion and continues to perform.

Earlier this year, he gave a concert at Oak Grove UMC. Novi United Methodist Church is located at 41671 W. Ten Mile Road. A free will love offering will be taken. Call (248) 349-2652 for more information.

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Honor thy mother

■ Novi mothers are honored at Mother's Day celebration

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Dyanna Martin and her mother Lois Teuple enjoyed sharing memories over cake and coffee at the Novi Senior Center's second annual Mother's Day celebration Monday.

"Teuple, 89, said she hadn't spent a Mother's Day with her daughter in almost 20 years.

"She was in seventh heaven being near all her family," said Martha, of Novi.

"Teuple said it means a lot being able to live near her family again. "It's very nice being honored as a mother at the center," she said. "It's too bad more children couldn't have been here with their mothers."

More than 120 mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers gathered to share in the memories of their mothers and family, while listening to the sounds of song-writer, pianist and guitarist Michael Krejger.

"This is a day to honor all the mothers and everything they've brought to us," said Rachel Zagoroli, senior services manager. "Not only are we honoring mothers, but all women. We all had mothers."

Each woman was given a poem and a corsage donated by the Visiting Angels Living Assistance Services of Bloomfield Hills.

"It's very important to interact with the senior citizens in our area," said Amanda Tageri, service coordinator. "This was a great way for us to get involved."

A day of remembrance

Eather Conwell said she spent Mother's Day visiting her own mother's grave.

"I went and put flowers at the



Photo by TRACY MISHLER

Lois Teuple (left) and her daughter, Dyanna Martin visit together during the Novi Senior Center's second annual Mother's Day celebration.

cemetary," said the 84-year-old Meadowbrook Commons resident. "She was the friend I could always go to."

Conwell said it's also nice to be remembered once in a while.

Jean Goudwin said she spent Mother's Day with her son.

"I have a wonderful son who takes care of me," said Goudwin, of Maclewsbrook Commons. "I took care of him all these years, now he takes care of me."

Ann Risto said although she was never a mother herself, sitting with friends at the celebration brought back memories.

"It's wonderful to be together," she said. "We all had mothers, and we're in some sort of way a mother. I was a godmother."

Zagoroli said the goal of the celebration was to make the women feel special on their special day.

"How much fun is it to celebrate who we are?" she said. "I think they loved it and we always get so many good remarks."

Zagoroli said the center will soon start preparing for the Father's Day celebration.

"It's just a great way to honor everyone and show thanks," she said. "Without our mother's, we wouldn't be here."

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SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 5/19

9 a.m. Stretch and Strength
10 a.m. Body Recall
noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Dupl. Bridge
12:45 p.m. Bingo
2-2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment

Monday 5/22

8:45 a.m. Mom's Golf
9 a.m. Stretch and Strength
10 a.m. Body Recall
noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Pinochle
2:20 p.m. Tea, SI at door
2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment
6:30 p.m. Chgging*

Tuesday 5/23

8:30 a.m. Rapera Bread
9 a.m. Line Dance*
10 a.m. Asian Pacific
noon Lunch
12:45 p.m. Biagio held in activities room
1-3 p.m. Dance, Set at door

2:20 p.m. Massage by appointment

Wednesday 5/24

9 a.m. Stretch and Strength
9:15 a.m. Women's Golf
10 a.m. Body Recall
10:30 a.m. Quilling
11 a.m. Blood Pressure
11 a.m. Taking Off Pounds Sensibly class
1:30 p.m. Chgging*
noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Meet your Pen-Pal
2-2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment

Thursday 5/25

9 a.m. Line Dance
9 a.m. Mixed Golf League
noon Lunch
12:15 p.m. Contact Bridge
12:30 p.m. Line Dance
1-3 p.m. Computer Lab open
2-2:30 p.m. Massage

*Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Phone (248) 347-0414.

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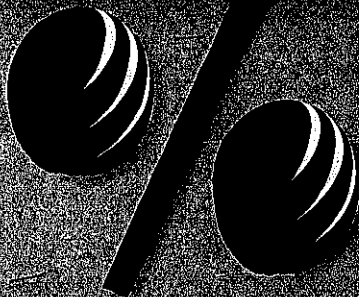
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POLICE REPORT

Man cuts couch at cigar place

A 38-year-old Novi man reported to police that a man cut a leather sofa at his business at 12:45 a.m. March 29 at the Novi Cigar Cafe on 12 Mile Road.

The owner of the business said a Middle Eastern male, taller with a mustache, dark, spiky hair wearing a green T-shirt and jeans used a knife to cut the arm of a sofa inside the business.

The suspect did not say anything to anyone before or after making a 12-inch slice in the couch.

The complainant saw the man leave in a 2001 silver Chevy Blazer.

Someone with the suspect on the night of the incident called the business to say the man would pay for the damage. The man, however, later denied the action even though the owner has video surveillance of the crime.

The black leather sofa was valued at \$699.

Windows smashed

A malicious destruction of property report was filed at 10:42 p.m. March 29 that had just occurred at Fountain Walk shopping center on 12 Mile Road.

Six exterior windows — three from each business — were shattered at both Dick's Sporting Goods and the Purdue Edge sometime between 10:25 and 10:40 p.m.

The caller said that he had observed a suspicious vehicle via closed circuit television surveillance during the time frame of the crime. The vehicle was described

as a dark car, possibly a Trans Am.

The police reported that it looked like the suspect shot the windows with a BB gun. Damage to the windows was estimated at \$6,000.

Radio Shack ript

A caller from Radio Shack at West Oaks II Mall reported at 1:32 p.m. March 28 that the store was the victim of a team of alleged con artists at noon on March 23 on West Oaks Drive.

The caller told police that a woman came into the store with two men in their 20s. As she allegedly pretended to purchase a cell phone, giving her Michigan driver's license and Social Security number, the two men wandered about the store.

When told that she would have to leave a deposit for the center, she declined the phone. The men with her left and then returned to the store at one point prior to the woman leaving the store.

Sixteen items included two Sony CD players valued at \$50 each, one Sony CD player valued at \$65 and an Optimus cancerator valued at \$150.

The caller said the camerader was even in a plastic case locked onto a hanger on the wall and that the suspects cut the plastic case and removed it from the case.

Police advised the complainants that since no one could place any of the stolen property in the possession of the suspects that a criminal case cannot be sought.

Too many peps of vodka

A 29-year-old Canton man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:45 a.m. March 27 at Novi Road and Arena Drive.

An officer was conducting stationary radar on Novi Road north of Nine Mile Road when he saw a 2004 silver Mazda traveling at 55 mph in a 40 mph zone. He also saw the Mazda weave slightly to the right side of the road as he pulled in behind the car.

He could smell intoxicants on the man, who when asked told the officer twice that he had consumed no alcohol that night.

The officer then noticed that the man would not look at him. He finally admitted that he had had a couple of beers at a friend's house.

When asked again how much he had had to drink the man said "two peps." The officer then asked him what a "pep" was, and the man said "60 milliliters" and that he was drinking vodka.

A breath test showed a blood alcohol level of .20 percent.

Police also found empty or almost empty bottles of rum and vodka in the trunk of the vehicle and an almost empty bottle of rum underneath the front passenger seat.

Too long at Friday's

A 30-year-old Southfield man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 11:25 p.m. March 27 at Novi Road and I-96.

The man was arrested after he stopped his red Dodge Ram on Southbound Novi Road and then made a U-turn, straddling the center line.

The man had glassy eyes, blank stares and slurred speech when pulled over for the infractions.

The man said he was coming from T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant in Southfield and was heading to the T.G.I. Friday's in Novi to meet a friend. The officer saw the man lose his balance so he exited the vehicle to perform field sobriety

tests, having to brace himself against his truck.

A breath test revealed a blood alcohol level in the driver of .22 percent.

Had wheels, would travel

A 26-year-old man from Kyle, Texas, reported to police at 6:21 a.m. March 30 that he had all four wheels stolen from his vehicle between 9 p.m. March 29 and 6 a.m. March 30 at the DoubleTree Hotel on Shenton Drive.

The guest said he had rented a white, 2006 Chevy Impala, which was parked and locked on the east lot of the hotel around 9 p.m. March 29. When he returned to the car the next morning, all four wheels and tires were missing. The front of the car was sitting on two orange-colored parking blocks while the rear was sitting on the pavement.

BB guns at Waltonwood

Six incidents of vehicle windows being shot with BB guns were reported to police recently that occurred at Waltonwood Senior Center by Twelve Oaks Mall.

The incidents were reported on March 30 and were believed to have occurred between 1 and 7 a.m. on March 29. When police arrived on the scene, they found that six vehicles had been hit.

Clubs stolen at work

A 50-year-old Farmington Hills man told police that someone stole his golf clubs from his car while he was working at a business between

Lightning strikes apartment

Pavilion Court Apartments on Haggerty Road, between Nine and 10 Mile roads, suffered some minor damage May 10 when lightning hit one of the buildings.

Firefighters from Novi Fire Department Stations #1 and #3 were dispatched at 8:04 p.m. after a caller saw smoke coming from one of the building's dryer vents.

The roof was checked for indications of a lightning strike, but the only possible sign was a furnace vent that might have been hit, according to the Novi Fire Department.

A furnace was found to be damaged in one apartment, and building maintenance was notified.

"When our units arrived, they did not detect any smoke or fire in the buildings," said Jeff Johnson, acting fire chief.

Firefighters then checked attics and roofs in all of the apartment buildings.

The lightning apparently only blew off a furnace vent and affected a TV and a computer.

Stolen items included Callaway irons valued at \$1,000, Callaway Big Bertha woods valued at \$1,500, a putter valued at \$100, a Callaway golf bag valued at \$300, miscellaneous golf equipment valued at \$50 and a leather jacket valued at \$200.

The man said he parked in front of the office and worked through the night. When he returned to his car, he noticed a white powder covering the entire interior of the vehicle. It was later determined that a fire extinguisher he keeps in the back of the vehicle had been used over the interior.

In a similar incident, a 47-year-old Orchard Lake woman reported at 9:45 a.m. on April 8 that someone stole \$2,725 worth of golf equipment from her vehicle

between 9:20 and 9:30 a.m. at the Cingular Wireless office on Grand River Avenue.

Her Chrysler minivan was parked in the rear parking lot.

Sports club damaged

The Sports Club of Novi on Arena Drive suffered some vandalism that occurred between 5 p.m. March 30 and 8:30 a.m. March 31.

Five plastic panels on the tennis dome were damaged sometime during the night. Damage to the panels was estimated at \$5,000.

The access gate on the north side of the dome was found wide open. One of the tennis pro's discovered the damage. An employee at the club told police that the gates cannot be locked around the dome because they are the access to the emergency fire doors.

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Recycle, redesign

■ Student helps design recycled home

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER

It was the most demanding class of her college career so far, but also one of the most rewarding.

That's how Julia Zelenock of Novi describes the design project she and eight other architecture students participated in this semester at University of Detroit Mercy, where she is a fourth-year student.

The students were challenged with designing a new house using salvaged building materials from a deconstructed 6,600-square-foot mansion near Chicago, Illinois. If all goes according to plan, the house Zelenock's class designed will be built towards the end of this year in Detroit's Woodbridge Historic District, marking the neighborhood's first new construction in roughly 70 years. It will be priced from \$230,000-\$260,000.

"We came up with an amazing design," Zelenock noted. "It's just beautiful!"

The house is an environmentally friendly "green" design, she said, with lots of windows and a roof

Design features

- The design calls for the house to be 1,640 square feet. Features of the design include:
 - A band of clerestory windows that will maximize winter solar gain and act as a "stack effect" chimney in summer, pulling hot air up and out of the house.
 - Use of reclaimed bricks for an internal, two-story thermal wall.
 - A water collection system that collects rainwater in a cistern for irrigation.
 - A high-efficiency heating and air-conditioning system that saves energy costs.
 - A first-floor study with full bathroom that can be converted into an accessible suite.
 - A second-floor balcony that can be enclosed as a third or fourth bedroom.
 - Low-maintenance plantings native to Michigan.
 - A contemporary exposed staircase.
 - Contemporary materials such as galvanized siding to set off the clerestory windows.

angled to maximize light entry and warmth gathered from the sun during Michigan winters. During the summer months, the windows can be screened off to keep the house cool. The house will also feature three bedrooms, four bathrooms, and a special indoor-outdoor living area with rain screens.

Zelenock said one challenge was designing the house with so many other people. However, she said that was also one of the most rewarding aspects of the project, since she got to collaborate so closely with her classmates.

Salvage Warehouse of Detroit (AWS/D), AWS/D specializes in deconstructing old buildings so as to salvage their materials for new construction. The building site was donated by Wauwau Neighborhood Development Corp., which will also select the builder and serve as project developer. MAS Electrical Services Inc. of Livonia is donating the electrical equipment and installation, and storage space for building materials was provided by Focus: HOPE in Detroit.

Zelenock said the house will be

constructed of salvaged material including doors, windows, plumbing fixtures, flooring and timber. The original home in Chicago was carefully deconstructed to make way for a new, larger house. She said roughly 80 percent of the material from the deconstructed house was reusable.

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Photo by Grace Hedemann

Invited
Katherine Oppermann, harpist, has been invited to participate in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival Honors Orchestra and Honors Band. She is a junior at Novi High School.

The project

The reconstruction project, called "Quilted Space: 1429 Avery" was initiated by the non-profit organization Architectural

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 06-021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dan O'Donnell of Oliver Hatcher Construction is requesting a Temporary Use Permit for the placement of a temporary construction trailer at 27333 Meadowbrook Road located west of Meadowbrook Road and south of 12 Mile from May 15, 2006 to September 18, 2006.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 9:15 a.m. on May 19, 2006 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to May 19, 2006.

(5-18-06 NN 285641)

ROBIN A. WORKING
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY
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NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 06-019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Terry Crossley of Crosspointe Meadows Church is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to hold a Classic Car Show at Meadowbrook Elementary School located at 29200 Meadowbrook on the east side of Meadowbrook and south of Thirteen Mile on June 4, 2006 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 10:00 a.m. on May 24, 2006 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to May 24, 2006.

(5-18-06 NN 288323)

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NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 06-020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ryan Dembs of Amson-Dembs Development is requesting a Temporary Use Permit for a temporary trailer located at the Novi Corporate Campus on the northeast corner of 12 Mile Road and West Park Drive from June of 2006 through June of 2007.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary use permit.

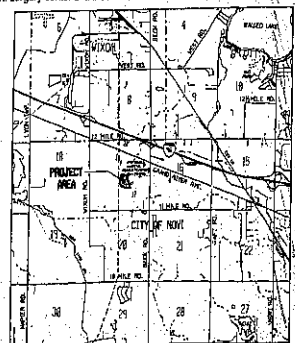
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(5-18-06 NN 285320)

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider PROVIDENCE ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER, SITE PLAN NUMBER 05-24, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLAND PERMIT, AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 17, AT THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF BECK ROAD AND GRAND RIVER AVENUE IN THE OSC OFFICE SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. The subject property is 7.23 acres and the applicant is proposing to build a 68,000 sq. ft. surgery center and medical offices suites.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 24, 2006.

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Seventh graders second in Robofest Championship

Black Dog Robotics, a team of Novi seventh graders, placed second in the junior division of the World Robofest Championship held last weekend. Robofest is Lawrence Tech's annual autonomous robotics competition for students grades fifth through 12th.

The Robofest competition challenges teams of students to design, build, and program robots to compete in playful missions and exhibitions. Young people have fun while learning computer programming, engineering, math, and science.

The championships featured 65 teams, and over 400 participants from across the states (including Michigan, Ohio, Florida, Texas, California, Washington, Tennessee and international teams from Canada, Korea and Mexico).

Black Dog Robotics was formed this year, and has met weekly for the past seven months to learn how to build and program with Lego Mindstorms RCX robotics kits. Their dedication and hard work culminated in a tremendous performance at the recent competition, placing second overall in the Junior division. They won a Lego Educational robotics kit, and individual \$2000 scholarships to Lawrence Technological University.



Photo by Ann Kowalczyk
Members of the Black Dog Robotics, a team of Novi seventh graders, pose with administrators at the World Robofest Championship last weekend at Lawrence Technological University, where the team took second place. Standing (l to r) are Andy Bagdasary, Derek Smith, Sourik Baltzan, Ben Dale and Andre Hage. Kneeling are Katrina Shah and Conni Robbins.

ON CAMPUS

Novi resident, Nadia Petkakh, was recognized in April as an honor scholar at The University of Michigan, Dearborn. She received the CRC Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award.

Christopher Palva, of Novi, and Yufa Shokinjli, of Walled Lake, were among the spring 2004 graduates at Michigan Technological University during commencement exercises.

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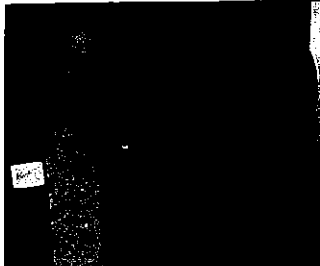
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EVENTS

- Second City Comedy Club**
TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday, 8 and 10 p.m. Friday, 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: 42795 Grand River Avenue, across from Novi Town Center
DETAILS: "Bobble Heads of State" is the theme for this month's shows. Tickets are \$15 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and \$20 on Friday and Saturday.
CONTACT: Visit www.ticketmaster.com or call, (248) 645-6666
- Linda Tranou Melanoma March**
DATE: Saturday
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Mayberry State Park, corner of Eight Mile and Beek roads
DETAILS: This is the second annual walk. Participants can enter one- or three-mile walks. Lunch is provided. The cost is \$35 per adult. Pre-registration is accepted but not required. All proceeds benefit the Melanoma Research Foundation.
CONTACT: www.caring-bridge.org/mlm/india
- Novi High School Band Bottle Drive**
DATE: Saturday
TIME: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
DETAILS: Students will be collecting bottles at homes throughout the community and sorting in the parking lot of Farmer Jack Supermarket.
CONTACT: Paul Kochyan, (248) 348-5133
- Novi Hold 'Em Casino Night**
DATE: Saturday
TIME: 6-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Lucky's Lucky Sinker, Fountain Walk
DETAILS: This is a fund-raiser for the Novi Chamber of Commerce. A variety of sponsorships are available, including assistance and donations. Sponsors are needed.
CONTACT: Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-3743
- Fifth Annual Founders Day Festival and Ice Cream Social**
DATE: Sunday
TIME: 1-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Wilson Wire House, corner of Maple and Wixom roads
DETAILS: City of Wixom Community Services and the Wixom Historical Society are sponsoring this event. It will include old tractors, cars, candlestick maker, blacksmith, quilters, petting farm, train display, kid's
- annual photo show titled "Visions of a Child." This is a show of pictures taken by students in fourth grade. Photographer Monte Nagler helped select one from each child for the exhibit.
CONTACT: (248) 624-2850**
- train rides and games, horsehoe tournament, "Shut Your Mutt" preceding the event at noon, ventriloquist and juggler, kids craft station and chorus groups. Also Wixom, Loon Lake and Walled Lake Elementary fourth grade classes will be displaying the "Visions of a Child" photos inside the Gibson house.
CONTACT: (248) 624-2850 or www.cityofwixom.com**
- Pet Adoption Day**
DATE: Sunday
TIME: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Gone to the Dogs, 22497 Heslin Drive
DETAILS: Local animal shelters, humane societies and animal rescue organizations will be bringing dogs and cats to adopt.
CONTACT: (248) 347-9081 or www.GoneToTheDogsNovi.com
- Special Days Camp fund-raiser**
DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Ed's Mongolian barbecue, 43155 Main St.
DETAILS: Steve Grymwald and Rachel Hunter from 99.5 WYCD, Jim Carey, Executive Director of Special Days Camps and the O'Neill family will be guest-grilling for Special Days Camp. This is a camp for children and siblings affected by cancer. Reservations are required.
CONTACT: Joe O'Neill, (248) 348-7583 or (248) 515-0533
- Spring Personal Exchange**
DATE: Saturday, May 27
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Old Township Hall, 10 Mile Road west of Novi Library
DETAILS: Bring plants to trade and exchange.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0400
- Novi Memorial Day Parade**
DATE: Monday, May 29
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: The parade will begin a Kanin Boulevard and proceed west on 10 Mile Road to the Novi Civic Center for a Veteran's Memorial Service.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0400
- Walled Lake Memorial Day Parade**
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The lead characters in the Novi Theatres upcoming production of *The Wizard of Oz* includes (l to r) Larry Kallie as Lion; Gary Weinstein as Scarecrow; Sheri Montville as Dorothy; and Ted Shively as TinMan.

A record 41 Novi residents perform Oz

The Novi Theatres upcoming production of *The Wizard of Oz* includes a record 41 Novi residents in its combined 100 cast and crew. The production will be at the Novi Civic Center on Thursday-Saturday evenings, May 18-20 at 7:30 p.m. and at Saturday and Sunday matinees, May 20 and May 21 at 2 p.m.

Novi residents playing featured roles are Sheri Montville (Dorothy); Brianna Bossard (Dorothy Understudy); Ted Shively (Tin Man); Jani Cartright (Wicked Witch of the West); Heather Shoubridge (Glinda, the Good, Witch); and Christopher Falkowski (Uncle Henry).

From the very first curtain, enchantment abounds as Dorothy begins her wondrous journey to Oz; from the sepia tones of the Kansas landscape and costumes to the brilliant colors and Art Nouveau style of Oz, the audience will delight in the adventures of Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man,

and, of course, the Wicked Witch of the West. As a special treat, the key members of the cast will appear at the Wizard Tea and Brunch on Sunday, May 21 from 12-1:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Tickets are \$10.

According to Sheri Sanson, cultural arts coordinator, "This production, true to L. Frank Baum's heartwarming tale, is bringing this timeless classic to life. Our production will truly transport the audience into a land that is somewhere over the rainbow!"

Tickets are now on sale for \$18 at the Parks Desk in the Novi Civic Center. Group sales prices are \$15 (20 or more). There will be a special student price of \$10 for the Thursday, May 18, 7:30 p.m. performance. Due to the popularity of this production, tickets should be purchased in advance to ensure seats. For *The Wizard of Oz* performance ticket information, call 248-347-0400.

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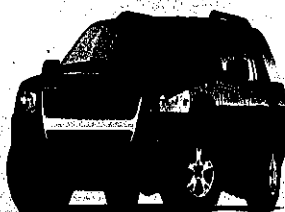
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JUMPING FOR JOY



Kudos to Kalls

Everyone who has watched Mike Kalls land out a fall on the gridiron knows there are plenty of muscles raging beneath his pads. Now, he has the agility to prove it.

Kalls, a junior at Novi High School, took first place in the 175-pound weight category at the Walld Lake Western Squadsfest with an impressive lift of 455 pounds. Kalls also pumped 260 off the bench press for a total of 695 pounds pressed at the event.

If his lifts are any indication, there are going to be some battered and bruised ball carriers next season.

New digs

Thanks to a shared agreement between Novi and Northville high schools and the city of Novi, there are going to be some new locker rooms at the Novi Ice Arena, which houses both schools' hockey teams.

The agreement will allow for more space, better facilities and, hopefully, more hot water after the conclusion is complete.

Hit the road, Sam

The rumors are true: Novi News sports writer Sam Eggleston will be departing his position and heading to the Upper Peninsula some time after July 7.

Though the date of departure isn't set, Eggleston plans on working on his fiction writing while freeloading in the Great North to help pay the bills. His wife, Christie, will work as a registered nurse and his daughter, Shaylyn, will begin her education in kindergarten.

As for the Novi Wildcats? They'll be fine. Posting fans already been placed in search of a replacement.

Friday Night Lights

Following the success of the book and the movie titled the same, NBC will air a TV show called "Friday Night Lights" this fall.

The show focuses on a high school football program in the small town of Dillon, Texas. You see, the Dillon Panthers are expected to go all the way and that's a lot of pressure for Eric Taylor in his first year as coach. Nevertheless, he's ready and willing to mold the boys into champions and encourage them to be better men.

The show, to us, sounds like "The OC" with puns. Odds are there will be a whole lot more nonch hurdles than big hits.

"The thing that really has us asking questions? Why would any school turn their program over to a first-year coach when they're expected to make a run for the state title? Sounds a little fishy. But, then again, it's television.

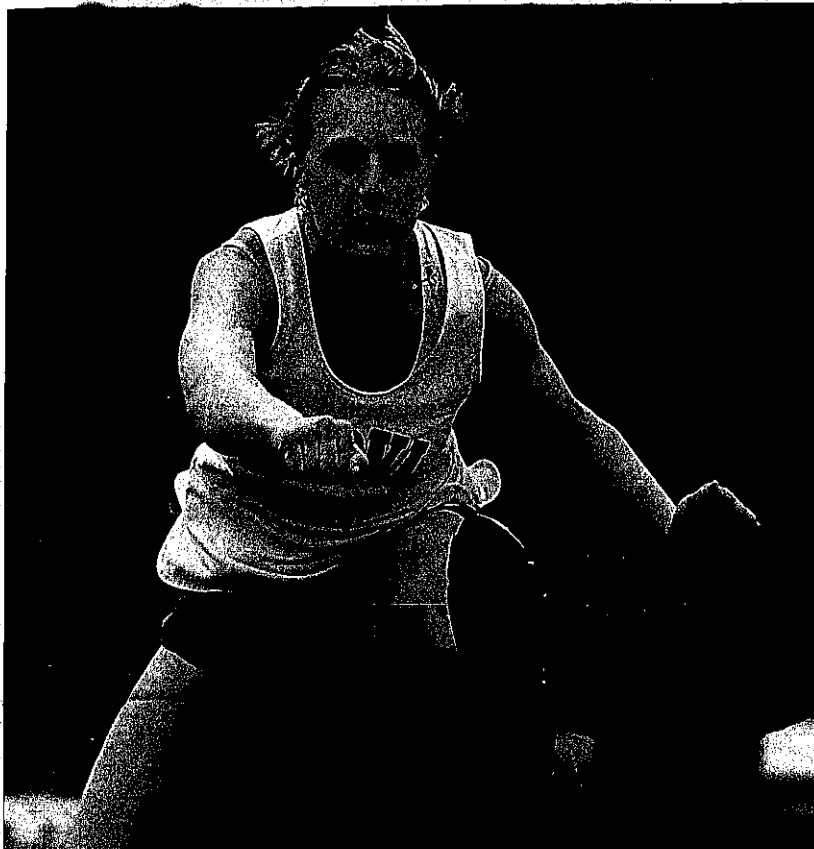
Long-time coach resigns

Czech Rick Corral has announced his resignation as head coach of the varsity basketball team at Detroit Catholic Central High School. He has been the head coach for the past 12 years and during that time has won three state district championships and appeared in six Catholic League finals winning two championships.

In addition to coaching basketball, Czech Corral has been the defensive coordinator for the varsity football team for the past 35 years. Bob Santello, athletic director at Catholic Central commented:

"Rick has been dedicated to his sport and to the young men that he has coached. He has always run a class program and has been a credit to the school, the kids and the sport. Coaching two major sports, football and basketball, has become most demanding and often times over the past 12 years, he has been forced to coach basketball while the football team is in the state playoffs. We are pleased Rick will continue to be the defensive coordinator for the football team." Czech Corral will continue with the summer basketball camp at Catholic Central while the school searches for a new coach.

Interested parties should contact the athletic office at (248) 396-3829 or rsantello@ccatholicccentral.net.



WILDCATS

Allie Sisson, hurdler specialist for the Novi Wildcats, recently broke the school record.

Photo by JOHN HELDER/Novi News

Junior Allie Sisson breaks school hurdles record

By Courtney Rakowiak
SPORTS WRITER

Allie Sisson isn't afraid to take risks — even when she lands flat on her back.

The junior track captain, competing in last year's Novi Relays, learned that she could have the opportunity to try the high jump for the first time in a varsity meet.

"I didn't know the rules of high jump, so I ran and I had no idea what I was doing. I stopped right at the (mat) and I just fell back," she said. "I was the only one who couldn't clear 4 feet. The coaches said, 'Okay, we'll keep you in sports!'"

Sisson's willingness to try new events has resulted in a new school record, state qualifying performances, and consistent points for the girls varsity track team. Originally a mid-distance runner, she competed in the 200 and 400 meter events as a freshman.

"The following year, her father and then-Novi High School volunteer track coach encouraged her to try the 100 and 300 meter hurdles. At the beginning of her junior season, after participating in indoor track, Sisson learned that she was only placed to break the school record in the 100 hurdles."

"I was kind of expecting it, as long as I could run a clean race, but I just didn't know

"She does above and beyond. She comes in conditioned, she takes care of herself, she leads by example. She's just a complete model of what an athlete should be who's serious about a sport."

Marsha Reid
Novi Girls Track Coach

when," Sisson said. "Especially with the first couple of (meets), the schools were a little bit weaker. If you have no one next to you, it's hard to keep going because I didn't know if I was slowing down."

Sisson first broke the school record at the Hartland meet on April 11, with a time of 16.04 seconds in the second dual meet of the season. She ran a 15.9 at the team's first home KVC meet on April 25, again surpassing the previous school record, and improving her best time.

Next season, Sisson aims to be an All-State hurdler as she helps her team to a stronger league record.

"We've had kind of shaky years in the past, and we started out slow (this year), but we're building up. We've won our last (two) KVC meets," she said. "I'm hoping that we can be toward the top in the KVC (next year). We have some strong freshmen and some eighth graders who can hopefully bring something."

For now, Sisson's main competition will be at the regional meet on May 19, where she will place in the top two or even a state qualifying time to compete at the June 3 state championships. Varsity track coach Marsha Reid hopes to see Sisson break another school record and qualify for states in multiple events, including the 100 and 300 hurdles

and as a member of the 4-by-100 meter relay.

"For the 4-by-1 (relay), we're pretty close to being able to qualify for states if we can run it with good handicuffs at regionals," Sisson said.

"Last year, she qualified for state in the 300 hurdles," Reid added. "She almost got the 300-hurdle record. She really hasn't had track competition in the 300 hurdles, but she could potentially try and break that record as well."

Reid believes that Sisson, a captain since her sophomore year, will continue to help the team with her record-setting athleticism, off-season dedication, and "unbelievable leadership skills."

"She has really matured into her role this year, as a junior," Reid said. "She's the living, breathing bench around — that's how much of a leader she is."

"She does above and beyond. She comes in conditioned, she takes care of herself, she leads by example. She's just a complete model of what an athlete should be who's serious about a sport."

Courtney Rakowiak is a sports intern for the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News
Joe and Carol Sprys watch as their son, Dan, as the Novi High School football standout prepares to sign a letter of intent to attend and play ball at Allegheny College.

Sprys signs with Allegheny

All-Area, All-KVC player will get defensive line position

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

His goal is to become a teacher and, eventually, a coach. Playing defensive end or tackle for the "Gators" is a good fit for Sprys, said Novi High School football coach Tab Kelleppoury. "Defensive line is good for him," he said. "Danny is a wrestler-type guy and really knows how to use his hands. He'll be able to use that to his advantage to beat linemen during a pass rush or to stop the run."

Allegheny participates in the North Coast Athletic Conference and during its 192 years it has won 13 national championships and 89 conference titles throughout all sports. Most recently, the "Gators" football team won the conference in 2003 and earned a national title in 1990.

Beyond athletics, the school is a good fit for Sprys academically. The average grade-point average for an athlete at Allegheny is 3.0.

When it came down to deciding which sport Sprys would take to college — football or

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Tab Kelleppoury
Novi head football coach

wrestling — he said there wasn't much difficulty. "Football has been my passion all throughout middle school and high school," Sprys said. "It's something I have enjoyed very much. I knew it was what I wanted to do in college."

And Sprys is hoping to earn some playing time right away. Allegheny, he said, is returning just three defensive linemen

UNDEFEATED

Wildcats soccer team plows through foes

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Critics insisted that when the Novi Wildcats soccer team faced "real" competition, they'd buckle under the pressure. So when they played Northville, the fourth-ranked team in the state, people paid attention. Novi won, 2-0. Then along came Brighton, the eighth-ranked team in Michigan. Novi won, 3-0. Last Friday, Novi took on fifth-ranked Livonia Stevenson and — that's right — they won, 4-1.

"We played an outstanding game, especially in the first half," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said of the latest victory.

Stephanie Janssens, Esbrook, Megan Burns and Katie Chalko.

Edin Zerzo earned her ninth shutout of the season.

Novi 8, Hartland 0

Hartland's goose was cooked as the Eagles were plucked by Novi, 8-0. Crawford and Esbrook had two goals each while Janssens, Katie Walker, Kellie Walker, Chalkos and Jenna Carosio added a goal apiece.

Earning assists were Janssens (2), Esbrook, Marchioni, Fratito, Crawford and Kellie Walker.

Zerzo carried the win.

Novi 7, Howell 0

The Novi Wildcats weren't too worried when they took on and defeated Kearsington Valley Conference opponent Howell last week, 7-0.

The squad followed the lead of Crawford, who scored 10 minutes into the game off a pass from Janssens.

Five minutes later, Kellie Walker crossed the ball into the box and Crawford headed it in for a 2-0 lead. Novi added another score when Walker sent a low pass into the box that Jenna Carosio one-timed into the net.

Novi's lead increased to 4-0 when Lauren Troher scored on a corner kick with six minutes left in the first half.

Seven minutes into the second half, Emily Esbrook scored on a free kick before Crawford completed her hat-trick, right with a goal off another Walker pass.

With 12 minutes left, Veronica Salems sealed the scoring for a 7-0 finish off an assist from Troher. Zerzo, once again, earned the shutout in goal.

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Novi climbed to 14-0 overall and 8-0 in the KVC. They are ranked first in the state.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Football camps offered

Northville High School will offer several football camps and a golf outing this summer:

- **Football Camps**
There will be three camps offered this summer.
Youth Camp (Grades 1-8) - June 5-6, 7
Freshman Camp (Grade 9) - June 12, 13
JV Varsity Camp (Grades 10-12) - June 19-22

Prices vary depending on the camp you choose. Brochure and camp information is available at www.northvilleniustangstangs.com

- **Golf Outing**
The sixth annual golf outing will be held on Monday, July 17th at Northville Hills Golf Club. The brochure is available on the Web at www.northvilleniustangs.com.

Girls basketball camp

Registration is underway for the Lady Wildcats basketball camp for girls in grades 2nd-9th.

The camp, which costs \$125 per player, will run June 19-23 at the Novi High School field-house. It will focus on all game phases, including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Lady Wildcat offensive and defensive schemes.

Camp Director will be Bill Kelp, the girls varsity basketball coach at Novi High School.

Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a T-shirt and an outdoor basketball.

For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

Boys basketball camp

Registration is currently underway for the Novi Wildcats boys basketball camp for boys in grades 2nd-9th.

The camp, which costs \$135 per player, will run June 19-23 at the Novi Middle School gym. It will focus on all game phases, including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Wildcats offensive and defensive schemes.

Camp Director will be Pat Schuster, the boys varsity basketball coach at Novi High School.

Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a T-shirt and an outdoor basketball.

For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

Girls and boys shooting camps

A shooting camp for boys and girls grades 2nd-9th is currently taking registrations through Novi Community Education. The camp will be packed with instruction, techniques and drills a player needs to approach the basketball well. Emphasis will be placed on three-point shooting, free throws, shooting off the dribble and spot shooting. Awards will be given to shooting contest winners. Gym clothes and shoes are required.

Cost for the camp, which will run on July by Novi varsity boys basketball coach Pat Schuster, is \$70. It will run from July 24-28 and will be held at the Novi High School Field House.

For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

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Girls and boys basketball camp

Future basketball players, grades K-2nd, are invited to learn basketball skills and build confidence. Emphasis will be

placed on dribbling, pivoting, passing, lay-up and shooting. Gym clothes and shoes are required. The camp will run July 24-28.

Cost for the camp, which will be run by Novi varsity boys basketball coach, Pat Schuster, is \$70. It will be run at Novi Meadows 5 gym.

For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

LTC camp hosts NCAA Division I coaches

Lacrosse Training Centers brings some of the top East Coast lacrosse coaches (and staff) during their June 23-25 lacrosse camp in Brighton.

Tom Marino enters his tenth season as the head men's lacrosse coach at Sacred Heart University.

Marino has helped the Pioneers evolve into a solid and competitive program as they enter their fourth season as members of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA), arguably one of the top lacrosse conferences in the country.

Currently in his eighth season as head coach, Tim McIntee has been at the forefront of successful tournaments at the Manhattan town's lacrosse program. McIntee joined Manhattan after a stellar playing and coaching career on the collegiate, professional and international level.

Darryl Della is a certified US Lacrosse Progression Instructor, as well as a co-director of Run and Shoot Lacrosse Camp, Delta coaches at Fairfield University where he has been the director of Offensive Coordinator as well as, Recruiting Director for the Stags.

Register online at www.LacrosseTC.com or give (248) 788-7020.

Registration for Learn to Skate at Novi

Novi Ice Arena will run a six-week spring session of its Learn to Skate Program in May through July 1, 2006 (no classes are May 24-28). Classes are offered once per week on various days and skate rental is available.

Learn to Skate students get a punch card for free admission to open skating at Novi Ice Arena throughout the program; they are enrolled in. Classes will run once per week for 50 minutes with optional 30-minute practice sessions.

The following classes will be offered:

- Beginning Tots
- Snowplow Sam 1-3
- Basic 1-3
- Skater's Edge Accelerated Bridge Program
- Adult

Open registration for Learn to Skate has already started and skate rental is available. The Learn to Skate Program is very popular so call the Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit www.novoicearena.com today to inquire about the program or class for your skater.

Summer Sports Camps at Catholic Central

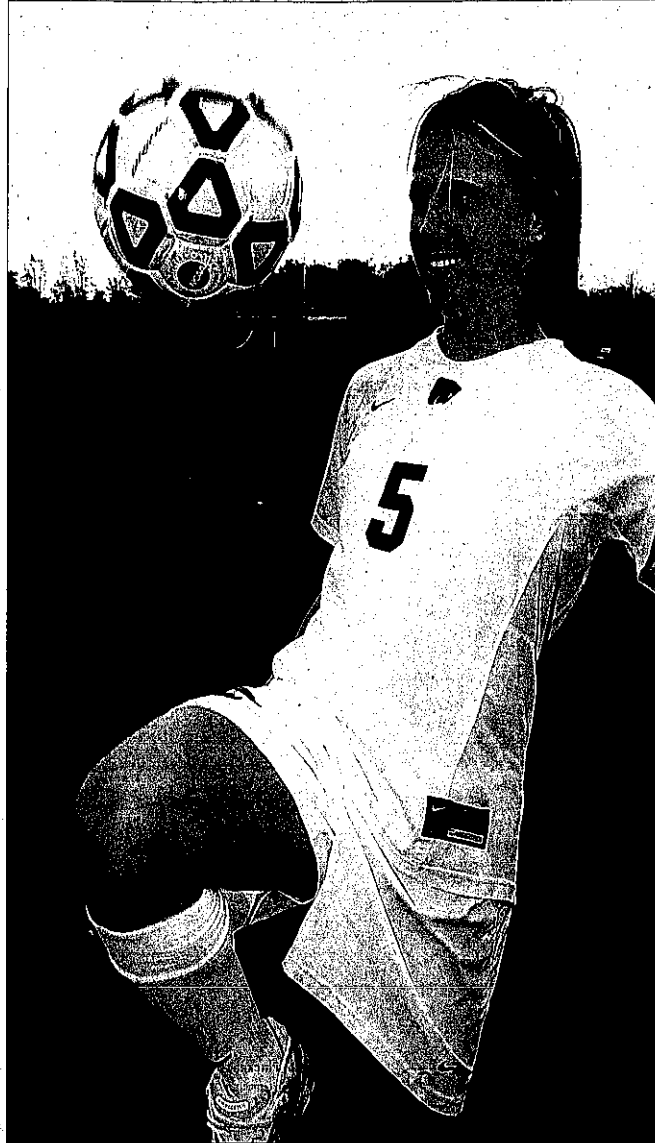
Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi will offer the following Summer Sports Camps for young men who will be in grades 5-9 beginning in the Fall of 2006:

Westside Football Camp
June 19-June 22
Basketball Camp
June 26-30
July 10-14
Shamrock Soccer Camp
July 17-21

All camps are held at Detroit Catholic Central High School, 27225 Wixom Road, Novi.

Please call (248) 596-3829 for more information, or go to www.catholiccentral.net.

Compiled by Sam Eggleston



Wildcat soccer player Stephanie Janssens is one of the toughest and most physical players on Novi's squad this season.

Just don't call her 'Pia' any more

Stephanie Janssens sheds old nickname, steps into new role

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The worst thing about a nickname is how it can tag along, even when it's not invited.

Stephanie Janssens, a junior with the Novi Wildcats girls soccer team, knows exactly what that's like. Since she was on the U10 soccer team, Janssens has been known as "Pia." This year, that changed.

"This year I wanted to change it," Janssens said. "That's not really my name. It's been difficult going from my nickname to my real name."

When she was just a little girl kicking around the soccer ball, a superstar known as Mia Hamm the World Cup scene. Thinking it would be fun to mimic their idol, all the girls took the first letter of their first name and added "ia" to the end. Since there was already a

Stephanie on the team, Janssens went with Pia.

Little did she realize it would have a lasting life.

"It stayed with me for so long, she laughed. "Some people only know me as Pia."

When she made the varsity Wildcats soccer team as a sophomore, Janssens didn't even have a chance to give her real name. The coaches saw "Pia" on her belongings, heard her friends calling her that and petted it in on the roster.

Last season, during Novi's state championship run, her nickname replaced her real name on rosters, on the statistics sheet and even in the newspapers.

"So this year she decided to put an end to it."

And long live Stephanie Janssens, who stepped in for the graduated Ms. Soccer - Kristi Tutar - and has scored 10 goals and earned nine assists.

"It's not easy stepping in for Ms. Soccer," Janssens said. "We're strong and we're deep at every position, though. Even if I'm not having a good game, someone else will step up or come in for me and get it done."

Janssens has come to be known as one of the hard-nosed players on the field. She's not afraid to do her fair share of physical play if the going gets tough. Her physical presence makes her a key role player at forward as the opposite of team points leader Stephanie Crawford.

"Stephanie is the player that adds grit and toughness to our team," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "But not only does she have the ability to play aggressively, she also has the ability to come to the ball and get a pass to her feet with her back to the goal and turn quickly on her defender or shield the ball and keep possession to find an

open player."

And when it comes down to points or assists, Janssens said she really couldn't care less.

"They're the same to me," she said. "It's just as hard to give off an assist as it is to get the goal."

Janssens, who plays for the Novi-Jugs club team in the summer season, is hoping to eventually take her game to the next level. Like many of her teammates, she's currently seeing a Division I college.

"I'm looking at Eastern (Michigan) right now," she said. "I'm really interested in that school so, right now, I'm leaning there. It has a really good teaching department, which would be perfect."

If Janssens gets a nod to play in college, maybe - just maybe - she can leave Pia behind.

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NOVI HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Tennis	Freshman	Golf
May 18 At Regionals, TBA	May 20 At Hartland Classic, 8 a.m.	May 18 At Regionals, TBA
	May 23 V. Brighton, 4 p.m.	May 23 V. Post KVC, 8:30 a.m.
	May 25 At South Lyon, 4 p.m.	
Track	Varsity	Lacrosse
May 19 At Regionals, TBA	May 19 V. South Lyon, 4 p.m.	Varsity
May 23 At KVC Championships, TBA	May 20 V. Lake Orion, 11 a.m.	May 18 V. South Lyon, 6:30 p.m.
May 26 At Oakland Co., 3 p.m.	May 24 V. Hartland, 4 p.m.	May 22 At Brighton, 7:20 p.m.
	May 26 V. Milford, 4 p.m.	JV
		May 19 V. South Lyon, 5 p.m.
		May 22 At Brighton, 6 p.m.
Sofball	Freshman	Soccer
Varsity	May 19 At South Lyon, 4 p.m.	Varsity
May 19 V. South Lyon, 4 p.m.	May 20 At Lake Orion, 11 a.m.	May 19 V. Milford, 7 p.m.
May 24 V. Hartland, 4 p.m.	May 24 At Hartland, 4 p.m.	May 26 At KVC Cross Over, 7 p.m.
May 26 V. Milford, 4 p.m.	May 26 At Milford, 4 p.m.	JV
JV	May 22 At Saline, 4 p.m.	May 19 V. Milford, 5 p.m.
May 19 At South Lyon, 4 p.m.	May 23 V. Brighton, 4 p.m.	May 26 At KVC Cross Over, 5 p.m.
May 20 At W.L. Northern Invtie, 8 a.m.	May 25 At South Lyon, 4 p.m.	
May 24 At Hartland, 4 p.m.		
May 26 At Milford, 4 p.m.		

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above ground or below ground. Above ground drains to properly more water run off away from your foundation. You may also consider saving the rain water by collecting it in a barrel (or other container) to use for watering plants and vegetables. If the storage is placed at a higher part of the house, a drip-irrigation system can be extended from the water storage. The stored rainwater can then be used to help irrigate areas around the home.

I also recommend checking with local codes to determine if there are any special storm water guidelines and regulations. Sometimes you have to pipe this water to special underground storm sewers or above-ground channels.

Another option is to dig a trench about 18" inches deep for downspout drain lines. If the lot is fairly flat, the pipes will not be lying down, but the further they extend, so you should create 1/8" of fall for every foot the pipes run. This means drains should be installed approximately 8 feet away from the edge of the foundation. Also I do not recommend having downspouts discharge onto driveways and walkways. This will only create cracks and surface settlements in the material in a few years of water penetration. This can be avoided by directing all water run off away from such areas.

Smooth 4-inch-diameter plastic PVC pipe is good material. Two pipes with a smooth interior and plastic resembles the click-and-clip piping used for irrigation. They are permanent piping. Fittings can be permanently connected with PVC cement, or you can use rubber gaskets. Fittings require no glue. If you install other type, tree roots that create deep night-time will never enter the piping system.

Corrugated flexible black piping (which is cheaper in price) can be used however it can erode easily, and it is nearly impossible to clean with professional drain cleaning equipment. However if they are not used in the areas that are low traffic areas, then this can save some money and work well.

All underground brands in downspout piping should be made of 1/2-degree angle under ground become obstructions. If the piping may require cleaning and it will block underground. You can use a 30-degree angle at the base of the downspout where the underground pipe begins, as a snake usually be inserted at this location with little difficulty.

If you prefer, and are allowed to drain your rain water on your own lot, do as far away from your house as possible (minimum 6 to 8') to avoid wetting your foundation. You can use a pipe to water to a low point on the property away from your home. Do not allow more water to be piped on your lot for that would have ended up there naturally before your home was allowed to settle. You can have a pipe develop when your rain of water is discharged. Keep in mind where the water will be used. If you have had never been built, if you pipe the water where it goes, you should not harm any of your surrounding neighbors. In-line pop-up valves do a good job of allowing rainwater to flow into your property. Try to strategically place them where they will do the most good for your vegetation. Another idea is to take a picture of where you install the pipes so you can locate them in the future if needed. It's up to you where the pipes are. To pop up rain heads can also help you locate the pipes.

Also make sure if you have gutters & downspouts installed that they do not have leaks and are complete. Do not allow missing sections or do and create water issues in your foundation and walls.

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"These coolers are state of the art. When you buy that apple it should be crunchy, all our produce is fresh daily," said Kelly Colasanti pointing to his heaping apples bins. Their farm still produces most of their apples and tomatoes, he added.

Shoppers also enjoy the ambience of colorfully painted murals, seasonal music and friendly staff to brighten the shopping experience. Come in

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What Colasanti's Plants and Produce features a variety of products, including fresh produce, gourmet ingredients, wine, fresh plants and flowers — and an ice cream bar.
Location: 468 S. Milford Road in Highland Township
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Web: www.colasantis.com
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Which wine?

You don't have to be an expert to enjoy wine. Even if you know a Chablis from a chardonnay, Lee Hershby, a specialist in their wine department, has you covered.

"We try hard not to be pretentious, wine is supposed to be fun," he explained. He'll help you select a wine to fit your taste and budget for everyday enjoyment to the extraordinary special occasion.

"We have about 2600 feelings (types of wine)... Every country that makes wine is represented here," Hershby pointed out. This includes an extensive collection of organic wines, along with some rare selections not readily available. Beer is always 50 percent off and there are over 400 different varieties to choose from.

For those who look for something new to try, Colasanti's now carries numerous Amish products including cheeses, relishes, jams and preserves.

"The Amish are known for their cheese," Kelly explained. "We try to carry high quality at a



Kelly Colasanti selects fresh corn with his daughter, Isabella, 9, at Colasanti's Plants and Produce in Highland Township.

Good price.

Stop by the bakery for a fresh loaf of bread to go with dinner. Why not try something new like robust Italian or stone ground wheat? Splurge on one of their delicious desert selections like brownies, cheesecake, baklava and cannolis. Treat yourself to a selection of gourmet coffee or tea for a special drink, or try the new flavored citrus in cherry and cinnamon apple.

Drive by for dinner

If you're in a hurry for dinner, forget the drive-thru. For a healthier (and tastier) alternative, pick up one of their gourmet prepared entrees. They're ready to

heat and serve. Try an eggplant parmesan, chicken mussels, veal tortellini, or smoked mozzarella and red pepper ravioli. The deli is a great spot to pick up a quick and tasty lunch as well.

How about a soup and sandwich combination that's sure to be just what you need? One of Kelly's favorites is called "That's Italian," made of tasty sweet capotoni, mortadella, Genoa salami, Italian provolone cheese, fresh romaine, red onions and tomatoes with Italian dressing on a grilled ciabatta roll. Or make it a wrap like spinach-feta turkey wrap. For graduation parties and summer barbecues, Colasanti's catering can help by supplying deli trays and special desserts.

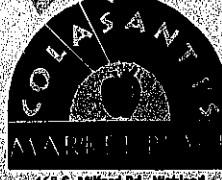
Snook's Meat Market located inside the store makes it hardy to pick a selection for your main course. They feature premium meats like Piedmontese beef and Honeybaked ham as well as expert advice on preparation, even recipes.

Try not to be in too big of a hurry so you can take a moment to enjoy the scenery. Cool off with a Hershey soft-serve or Courtney hand dipped cone at the ice cream hut. Sit and relax on the park bench overlooking the pond — its home to a variety of animals, duck, swans and geese.

Colasanti's is a landmark of the community, with its decorative flowers visible to all who pass by. A new design is featured every year, so look for it. They're located at 468 South Milford Road in Highland, just south of M-59. Visit their Web site at www.colasantis.com. Spring hours are Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call (248) 887-0012.

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